

Front Porch Wisdom – The Wrath Avoidance Principle
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Proverbs 3:1-12

God's Example: Instruction and discipline from a position of love

"For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights" Proverbs 3:12

Man's Failure: Instruction and discipline from a position of ego and pride

"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

1. We avoid wrath when we are loving and clear in our communication.

*"A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."
Proverbs 15:1*

2. We avoid wrath when we are consistent in our behavior

"For as the churning of milk produces butter, And wringing the nose produces blood, So the forcing of wrath produces strife" Proverbs 30:33

3. We avoid wrath when we leave a legacy our family is proud of.

"...And the glory of children is their father" Proverbs 17:6b